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Letter from John Muir to R[alph] W[aldo] Emerson, [1871 ca May 8].

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With most cordial  
regards I am Yours  
in nature

John Muir

1871

John Muir

{ Yosemite valley  
{ Munday night  
Mr R W Emerson

Dear Sir I recd  
today a letter from Mrs Prof E  
Carr of Oakland Cal stating  
that you were in the valley  
& that she expected to see you  
on your return. Also she  
promised that she would  
write you here & send you  
to me, I was delighted at  
the thought of meeting you  
but have just learned that  
you contemplate leaving  
the valley in a day or two  
Now Mr Emerson I do most  
cordially protest against your  
going away so soon, & do also  
I am sure do all your interests  
& affections I trust that you

will not "outweary their yearnings" do not thus drift away with the snow while the spirits of these rocks & waters hail you after long waiting as their kinsman & persuade you to closer communion.

But now if fate or one of those mongrel & misshapen organizations called parties compel you to leave for the present, I shall hope for some other fullness of time to come for you.

If you will call at Mr Hutchings Mill I will give you as many of Yosemite & high Sierra plants as you wish as specimens.

I invite you join me in a months worship with Nature in the high temples of the great

Sierra crown beyond our holy Yosemite. It will cost you nothing save the time & very little of travel for you will be mostly in Eternity.

And now once more in the name of Mrs Dana & Galt of the grand glacial hieroglyphics of Involucrum Meadows & Bloody Canon, - in the name of a hundred glacial lakes - of a hundred glacial daisy gentian meadows, in the name of a hundred cascades that barbarous visitors never see, in the name of the grand upper forests of Picea amabilis & P. grandis, in the name of all the spirit creatures of these rocks & of this whole spiritual atmosphere do not leave us now.